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ABSTRACT

Parentification is defined as compelling children to perform the role of parent at the expense of their own developmentally appropriate needs and pursuits. This book presents a comprehensive study of parentification in the family, covering both theoretical and clinical topics. Part 1 of the book details research related to parentification and gender, work addiction, families with a disabled or ill child, and assessment for clinical or research purposes. Part 2 takes a clinical or contextual emphasis and addresses varied interventions and theoretical orientations. The chapters are: (1) "Parentification: An Overview of Theory, Research, and Societal Issues" (Nancy D. Chase); (2) "Cross-Sex and Same-Sex Family Alliances: Immediate and Long-Term Effects on Sons and Daughters" (Deborah Jacobvitz, Shelley Riggs, and Elizabeth Johnson); (3) "Workaholic Children: One Method of Fulfilling the Parentification Role" (Bryan E. Robinson); (4) "Parentification of Siblings of Children with Disability or Chronic Disease" (Suzanne Lamorey); (5) "Assessing Childhood Parentification: Guidelines for Researchers and Clinicians" (Gregory J. Jurkovic, Richard Morrell, and Alison Thirkield); (6) "Object Relations Therapy for Individuals with Narcissistic and Masochistic Parentification Styles" (Marolyn Wells and Rebecca Jones); (7) "Therapeutic Rituals and Rites of Passage: Helping Parentified Children and Their Families" (Helen W. Coale); (8) "Trauma, Invisibility, and Loss: Multiple Metaphors of Parentification" (Bruce Lackie); (9) "Parentification in the Context of the African American Family" (Louis P. Anderson); and (10) "The Archetype of the Parentified Child: A Psychosomatic Presence" (Paula M. Reeves). (Each chapter contains references.) (KB)



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